GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2797
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MARBLE IMPORT POLICY
AJIT KUMAR PANJA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian entrepreneurs engaged in marble industries are shifting their bases to Sri Lanka, to overcome the grave trade crisis arising out of present policy of the Government of putting restrictions for import of raw marble blocks;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for putting such restrictions;

(c) whether this act of entrepreneurs has resulted in employment drain to Sri Lanka and considerable revenue losses for the country;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to review the policy with a protect domestic marble Industry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) No such report has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.